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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Project Director

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SUBJECT : Withdrawal of AQUATONE Personnel from [REDACTED]

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REFERENCES : a. Memorandum for [REDACTED] from Mr. Bissell dated 24 January 1957.
b. Letter to DCI from General [REDACTED] dated 2 February 1957.
c. Draft of Letter to General [REDACTED] from DCI, dated 5 February 1957.

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25X1A9a In a meeting this morning, attended by [REDACTED] and the undersigned, the following courses of action were discussed. Our basic premise was that FOG would wish to immediately move into [REDACTED] as many personnel as the Project could release space for. Courses of action are listed in the order of desirability: 25X1A6a

a. Deploy Detachment "C" to Kirtland AFB for approximately 30 days prior to re-deployment to [REDACTED] 25X6C

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(1) A small advance party (10 personnel) to proceed to [REDACTED]

(2) Operational missions to be flown from Kirtland AFB - approximately 2 per week. This would permit boxing of one or two U-2 aircraft and the retention for operational missions of one aircraft.

(3) We would utilize normal Air Force Top SECRET communications channels through Lt Colonel Geary's office to Kirtland for monitoring of any missions flown from Kirtland.

(4) Supply - Fuel in drums would be diverted to Kirtland to accommodate proposed missions. The C-47 at the [REDACTED] would be stationed at Kirtland to provide supply transportation to and from Long Beach [REDACTED] Support would be arranged with Kirtland for other items such as vehicles and resupply of common Air Force items. 25X1A6a

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(5) One T-33 to be moved to Kirtland to provide normal chase and support.

(6) No special aero-medical facilities would be required as pre-breathing could be provided with portable consoles.

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b. If limited in personnel permitted to move to Kirtland AFB, would deploy approximately 60 Detachment "C" personnel to Kirtland - generally in line with Detachment "A's" Mobility Plan "B". Such Mobility Plan to be modified as [REDACTED] may desire.

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- (1) Remainder of Detachment "C" personnel to remain at [REDACTED] if FOG cannot utilize bed space.

- (2) The same general support, communications, logistics, as stated in 1.a. above.

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c. If limited in available space at Kirtland and required to evacuate all possible personnel from [REDACTED], to deploy approximately 60 Detachment "C" personnel to Kirtland, generally in line with Detachment "A's" Mobility Plan "B", with remainder of Detachment "C" personnel to be deployed to [REDACTED]

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- (1) This is considered the least desirable course of action inasmuch as it would place a large number of probably non-productive personnel overseas with little or nothing to keep them busy.

2. In order to further reduce the Project's personnel at [REDACTED] we would recommend that discussions be held with [REDACTED] relative to the following base support functions:

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a. Tower and base operations should be turned over to FOG. We would suggest that FOG make arrangements to provide personnel to man the tower for base operations and that Project personnel be withdrawn and reassigned.

b. Fire guard to be turned over to FOG as their responsibility. Arrangements could be made for the reassignment of 12 Air Force personnel involved from CIA to the Air Force (4080th or other unit desired by Colonel Cabas).

c. GCA personnel - We would suggest that FOG procure GCA personnel to operate and maintain the equipment. We currently have personnel attached on a TDY basis from AACS and we would suggest that these personnel be returned to AACS or re-attached to some of the FOG units.

d. We see no possibility other than the retention of our present supply personnel at [REDACTED] (2 civilians and 2 CIA assigned Air Force personnel). Base supply accountability and responsibility will have to be maintained by the Project until [REDACTED] is closed.

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e. Refueling - This is handled on a contract basis by [REDACTED] and involves no personnel. The Project to continue this arrangement.

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f. Maintenance of ground vehicles - This is also handled by [REDACTED] under our contract and we would retain the present system with [REDACTED] providing what supervision may be necessary for the program.

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Any turnover of the above mentioned base support functions that could be accomplished would seem to be in line with [REDACTED] insistence that the "Air Force have full operational and security control of facilities there". This would also permit the Project to reduce its Air Force requirements and our present Table of Organization.

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3. If the above meets with your general approval we would suggest that a meeting be arranged with [REDACTED] as soon as possible in order to initiate preliminary discussion of the items mentioned. We realize that no firm discussions can be had re a move to Kirtland until higher authority gives us the go-ahead on [REDACTED] but we believe it opportune to discuss particularly the points raised relative to base support at [REDACTED]

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